(a) whether it is a fact that some public/semi-public institutes and services have been privatised;

(b) whether there was provision of reservation to SC/ST and Backward Classes in the services of such institutes before privatisation; and

(c) if so, the status of this provision of reservation after privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tsunami affected towns

4409. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government for development of small and medium towns affected by the Tsunami in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether the development work has been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. RAGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government of India has set up a Core Group on Reconstruction, Management and monitoring for Tsunami affected areas in the Planning Commission. The Core Group has prepared a comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and reconstruction for the Tsunami affected States/UTs, which includes construction of dwelling units with proper town planning and provision for civic amenities. The complete package will be announced after the recommendations of the Core Group are approved by the Government.

Earthquake-prone cities

4410. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have already identified 38 cities of our country as quake-prone, out of which 10 cities are in extreme danger;